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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM'S NEWEST M.M.R.

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Bob is 65 years old and an electronic technician by profession. His interest in model railroading began in 1933 with the setting up of a tinplate layout. Since this was during prohibition days, Bob still wonders what the neighbors thought was going on in his basement. During World War II Bob served with the Army Air Corp in a civilian capacity. He remembers this period as one of making railroading friends, and working mostly in scratch because many items were not available in the local shops.

After WW II, Bob worked in S gauge for a while, but the space problem led him to HO gauge, his current interest.

Bob had an inactive period in model railroading starting in 1961 when his first wife passed away. Then in 1963 he met his present wife (who is a fine modeler in her own right) through his association in Division work within the Mid-West Region.

Bob earned his first Achievement Certificate for his work in Scenery in 1964. Since then he has acquired the following Achievement Certificates: Master Builder—Cars, Structures; Model Railroad Engineer—Civil, Electrical; Association Official and Association Volunteer.

Since 1963, Bob has been very active within the MWR. He has served as Divisional Superintendent and Divisional AP Chairman. At the Regional level, he has served on the Regional Board of Directors, Ballot Committee, and for the past year and one-half has been the Mid-West Regional Achievement Program Chairman.

Bob has a truly fine philosophy concerning model railroading. To quote him: "One of the greatest benefits—if not the greatest—of my association in NMRA activities, has been the host of wonderful people that I have met and the friends that I have made. The more one participates in the activities of the NMRA, the more it means to him. Model railroaders are the finest people in the world."